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Local in-person voting now open

On June 2, Election Day, the only two places open to voting in Wabash County will be OJ Neighbors School gymnasium, 1545 N. Wabash St., and North Manchester High School gymnasium, 1 Squire Drive, North Manchester.

Red Cross sets blood donation opportunity for Tuesday

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 2 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St.

25th annual WACCY golf outing prepares to tee off

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County's 25th Annual WACCY Golf Outing, scheduled for Wednesday, June 3 at the Honeywell Public Golf Course. Grow Wabash County has also scheduled a back-up date of Thursday, July 30 in the case that the social distancing recommendations are still in effect come June. Registration is \$360 per four-person team. For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/events, email marketing@growwabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258.

Wabash to host First Friday June 5

Wabash Marketplace will be hosting a hybrid First Friday on June 5. The event will take place from 4 to 8 p.m.

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Don't forget to vote in Tuesday's primary

Polling places open at OJ Neighbors, North Manchester High School

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Local and state officials are reminding voters to not forget to vote during Tuesday's primary election.

On Tuesday June 2, Election Day, the only two places open to vote in Wabash County will be OJ Neighbors Elementary School gymnasium, 1545 N. Wabash St., and Manchester

High School gymnasium, 1 Squire Drive, North Manchester.

For this election, counties have been equipped with personal protective equipment (PPE), such as gloves, face masks, hand sanitizer, and other sterilization tools. Poll workers have been trained to keep polling places clean and will be monitoring social activity closely. Voters are urged to practice social distancing and good hygiene while at the polls, according to Ian Hauer, deputy communications director for Indiana Secretary of State's office. In response to a Plain

Dealer request Monday, Lori Draper, Wabash County clerk, stated poll workers were not required to wear the masks.

"But the must be healthy and they must social distance. The machines are sanitized," stated Draper. Draper stated as Monday morning they had mailed out 2,077 absentee ballots "and have a few of those to be returned yet."

Draper stated the deadline for paper absentee ballots was noon Tuesday.

Draper stated that as of Monday morning they had 741 early voters. Early voting ended at noon Monday.

Draper stated due to the number of absentee ballots, she did not know how long it would take to post the results, but that when they were, they would be reported on their website and to the state.

"There is a possibility it could take an extra day to tabulate," stated Draper.

Hoosiers may also call the toll free Hoosier Voter Hotline at 866-IN-1-VOTE to speak directly to a representative for information, polling locations and to file grievances. Staff will be on hand to answer calls from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday.

On Tuesday, June 2, legal volunteers staffing the non-partisan Election Protection 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683) hotline will be available to answer calls from Indiana voters experiencing problems at the polls, including issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Don Owens, director of communications for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. The hotline will be available for the duration of Indiana's election day. The hotline is a resource for voters who seek to confirm

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Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Beverly Ferry, CEO of Living Well in Wabash County, loads bags of donated live plants for distribution Thursday, May 28 at the Winchester Senior Center.

'Because it's open to everybody, it doesn't feel like charity'

Second Harvest tailgates at Senior Center now scheduled Wednesdays

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

What was once something that happened once or twice per month will now become a weekly occurrence due to the high demand.

Starting at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 3, Second Harvest Food Bank will conduct a tailgate food distribution event each Wednesday at Living Well in Wabash County, 239 Bond St., according to Robby Tompkins, director of philanthropy.

"The routine distribution schedule is increased to keep up with the

needs created by COVID-19," stated Tompkins.

Removing the stigma

Neil Schafer, of Bowser/Schafer Natural Herbal Gardens in Laketon, stated that on Wednesday, May 27, representatives from Living Well in Wabash County arrived to collect the thousands of vegetable plants that are set to be passed out at the most recent event on Thursday, May 28's event.

Beverly Ferry, CEO of Living Well in Wabash County, was out under a tent in the rain Thursday, May 28 with others loading palette after pallet of tomatoes and cucumbers into plastic bags to be distributed to the passing vehicles.

"Some of them were more sparse than others," she said, referring to

the plant starts. "The dirt is fantastic, some type of fish compound."

Ferry said the rain kept some people away. She said the time before the line extended all the way down to the Wabash County Courthouse, representing more than 1,000 families.

"These truly are open. Sometimes people get mad because they see nice cars or they see people with other license plates. These things are designed for anybody. You can come to get them. There's no income level," she said. "Because the goal is, this is food that needs to be moved and the idea is to get it out to the families. Some people are taking it to others. ... We have people who give it away. Maybe they own a nice car, but they lost their job."

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ISDH adds three more local virus cases; total is now 79

As of Monday, the state still reported two local deaths, and now reports 975 tests

STAFF REPORT

Over the weekend, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) added three more COVID-19 cases to Wabash County, bringing the local total to 79.

On Saturday, the ISDH added another local case, making the total then 77, with 952 tests. On Sunday, the ISDH added another local case, making the total then 78, with 962 tests. And, on Monday, the ISDH added another local case, making the total then 79, with 975 tests.

As of Monday, the ISDH still reported two local COVID-19 deaths.

Statewide on Monday, the ISDH announced that 292 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 34,830 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's total.

Intensive care unit and ventilator capacity remain steady. As of Monday, nearly 41 percent of ICU beds and nearly 84 percent of ventilators are available.

A total of 1,976 Hoosiers are

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BMV extends hours for Primary Election Day

Branches will be open to issue identification for polling places

STAFF REPORT

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) reminds Hoosiers that branches will extend hours of operation for the primary election, according to a press release.

Branches will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 2, to issue ID cards and driver's licenses to be used for identification at a polling place. Appointments are not required for these two days of operation, but service is limited.

Under Indiana state law, BMV branches are open to

the public for extended hours on Election Day and the day before Election Day. To meet the requirements of this law the BMV will not require appointments for Hoosiers needing an ID for voting purposes. During this extended period of operation, service offerings are limited to new, amended, renewed, or replacement ID and driver's licenses for voting purposes. All other BMV services are not available Tuesday, June 2. Appointments will resume Wednesday, June 3 and will be required for all transactions. Appointments may be scheduled by visiting <https://www.in.gov/bmv/2405.htm>.

For the safety of BMV customers and employees CDC

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Holcomb announces \$44M to aid economic recovery effort

Initiatives aim to help businesses restart, adapt, stimulate long-term growth

STAFF REPORT

On Friday, Governor Eric J. Holcomb announced several new economic recovery initiatives designed to bolster critical relief efforts while encouraging long-term planning and investments to stimulate Indiana's economy "well into the future," according to Rachel Hoffmeyer, press secretary.

Hoffmeyer stated through these initiatives, the state will allocate nearly \$44 million to provide support and resources including approximately \$37 million in direct funding through grants and investments to small businesses and manufacturers – two key drivers of the Hoosier economy.

"To safely guide a return to economic activity, the state is committed to deploying federal relief funds under the CARES Act in coordination with Indiana's Economic Relief and Recovery Team, while targeting initiatives aimed at achieving long-term economic stabilization," stated Hoffmeyer.

Small business restart fund

Holcomb approved \$30 million in federal funding made available through the CARES Act to small business restart grants, helping accelerate the speed of economic recovery activity by providing working capital to cover certain expenses related to the global pandemic. Indiana small businesses with fewer than 50 employees and \$5 million in annual revenue that has experienced a 40 percent drop in revenue will be eligible to be reimbursed for up to 80 percent of

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on Facebook and from 5 to 8 p.m. in downtown Wabash. Miami Street will be open to traffic and parking. Face coverings and social distancing are recommended for in-person guests. The community is encouraged to visit the Facebook Event Page titled, “First Friday in Wabash 6/5/20”

The event will also be linked from the Facebook Page “First Friday-Wabash, Indiana.” Participating businesses will share their promotions and store hours. For more information, visit www.wabashmarketplace.org or call 260-563-0975.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity June 6

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6 at Scotty’s Bar, 780 Manchester Ave.

Clark Gallery to feature 2020 themed-art exhibit

The Clark Gallery in the Honeywell Center will host its 2020 Themed Art Competition titled “Dreams” from Monday, June 15 to Sunday, Aug. 16. To register, visit HoneywellCenter.org/dreams. Judging will take place on Wednesday, June 10. Artists selected as winners and accepted entries in the competition will be notified on Thursday, June 11. Unaccepted entries can be picked up Friday, June 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Accepted and featured entries can be picked up after the exhibit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17. Artists may drop off their entries for receiving from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, June 8 and Tuesday, June 9. All entries will be accepted at the Honeywell Center’s Circle Drive doors on the corner of Carroll and Market streets. Only one artist will be able to drop off their entries at a time. A staff member will greet each artist individually at the door to accept each entry. Artists are asked to have the artist application, money, and all entries labeled for a seamless drop-off.

To make an early entry appointment, contact Michele Hughes at clarkgallery@honeywellcenter.org or by calling 260-274-1411. Entries not picked up by 2 p.m. will be securely housed in the Honeywell Center. To make an appointment to pick up unaccepted entries after Monday, June 15, contact Hughes or call 260-274-1411. The cost of entry per three pieces is \$20.

Drive In Summer Music Series begins June 10

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series begins Wednesday, June 10 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. The Moon Cats, a four-member band, play a variety of hits from the ‘50s and ‘60s including Elvis, The Beatles, Buddy Holly, Hank Williams, Jack Scott and more. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324DriveIn.com/coming-soon/live.

2021 spring comedy director sought

The Wabash Area Community Theater is looking for the director for their 2021 spring comedy to be performed in March 2021. Anyone interested in directing should submit a portfolio with their directing experience. The portfolio should also include information stating the name of the play, the plot, the size of the cast, set and prop requirements, and other details about the show. Applications for the director and show are being accepted until Friday, June 12, and can be mailed to WACT, P.O. Box 840, Wabash, IN 46992. For more information, email Eric Seaman at eric.charlesseaman@gmail.com, Bev Vanderpool at vanderpob@yahoo.com or Howard Kaler at gm@charleycreekinn.com.

Mural Fest application deadline extended

From Sept. 8 to 18, regional and national artists will create 11 high-quality murals – one

in each of the 11 counties of northeast Indiana. The site chosen for the Wabash County mural was the Selleck Building, 214 E. Main St., North Manchester. Artists are encouraged to apply by Sunday, June 14. To apply or learn more, visit www.NElmuralfestival.com.

Drive In Summer Music Series continues June 17

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, June 17 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. Soul Shot features Bobby Velasquez and John Kirkwood and many other seasoned musicians including Darrell Ellison, Ben Black, John Hancock and Wesley Kirkwood. Soul Shot plays classic rock and other genres including dance, oldies, disco, blues and more. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324DriveIn.com/coming-soon/live.

Drive In Summer Music Series continues June 24

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, June 24 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. Mason Dixon Line Band is one of Fort Wayne’s best country bands. They have opened for sold-out concerts for Frank Foster, Colt Ford, Tyler Farr and Jerrod Niemann. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324DriveIn.com/coming-soon/live.

Drive In Summer Music Series concludes July 1

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, July 1 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. The Mississinewa Valley Swing Band is a community band, located in Grant County. The Swing Band is a 16-member ensemble that plays swing-era music at different area events. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324DriveIn.com/coming-soon/live.

Contestants sought for the 30th Annual Wabash County Festivals Scholarship Pageant

The pageant will be held Friday, July 24, in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center. Anyone wishing to donate toward the scholarships may do so by sending a check to Bev Vanderpool, 73 W. Sheridan St, Wabash, IN 46992. Checks should be marked “Scholarship Pageant.” The Wabash County Festivals Pageant is a nonprofit, therefore all donations are tax-deductible. For more information, visit the Wabash County Festivals Pageant Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wabashcountyfestivalsscholarship pageant, or contact any of the directors.

Wabash Kiwanis Club Pancake Day rescheduled for July 25

After being rescheduled for a second time, the Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day for Saturday, July 25. After a year at the Wabash Presbyteri-an Church, Pancake Day will return to the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue in Wabash. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are available by emailing KiwanianDonnaSiders@donnasiders@hotmail.com or calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event

and on-site recognition in exchange for their support. The event’s Pancake Eating Contest, sponsored by Midwest Eye Consultants, will take place that day at noon. The Club’s president, Mike Keaffaber, is the event’s chairperson for 2020. Those who have questions or ideas regarding the event may email keaffaberm@msdwc.k12.in.us.

‘Liking for Biking’ riding series takes to the road for the fourth year

Through Aug. 28, anyone who is interested in a “free, family-friendly” 60-minute bike ride is invited to meet at Paradise Spring Historical Park’s upper pavilion at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday. Volunteers from the Spikes and Bikes Bike Club and the Rock City Bike Club have offered to lead the weekly rides in a “fun and engaging atmosphere.” Those interested in participating or volunteering for the ride can get more information by going online to www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or by calling the Welcome Center at 260-563-7171.

Woman’s Clubhouse hopes to pick up 2020-2021 schedule in August

Out of an abundance of caution, the Woman’s Clubhouse will not meet for its final luncheon of the 2019-2020 season in June. The group will send the 2020-2021 program and luncheon schedule in August for the new year and they will vote on officers for the new calendar year in September. Anyone who would like to nominate someone for an office should call Ellen Stouffer at 260-571-5339. The group needs a volunteer to take over the membership organization. For more information, call Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331.

Manchester Univ. announces plan to open in fall 2020

In-person classes will begin Sept. 2. Like many schools, Manchester will move to remote teaching and learning after Thanksgiving. The semester will end Dec. 18.

Registration for annual Dam to Dam Century Ride and new triathlon open

Visit Wabash County has announced registration for the Dam to Dam Century Ride and the DAM(N)!MAN! triathlon is now open. D!M! will take place on the same day as the Dam to Dam Century Ride – Sunday, Sept. 13 – and will incorporate the newest and longest 150-mile bike route, plus a 3.1-mile swim and will end with a 31-mile run. The early bird registration fee for the bike ride is \$40 through May 31, however, attendees can use promo code D2DSAVE10 to save \$10 for a limited time. The price increases to \$50 beginning June 1. The registration fee for the triathlon is \$135, however, participants can use promo code DMSAVE40 to save \$40 for a limited time. For more info, visit www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or call 260-563-7171.

Downtown Wabash Farmers’ Market season open Saturdays through Sept. 26





The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market is set from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays in the Honeywell Center and Wabash Elk’s Parking Lot, located corner of Cass and Market streets. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. Guests can expect to see a Limited Market Model in response to COVID-19. Some of the precautions include one entrance to the market at the northeast corner, a limited number of shoppers, social distancing at least 6 feet, masks and gloves recommended and a sanitizer station provided. Masks and gloves are recommended to be worn by shoppers. There is construction on Cass Street. Alternate routes on Carroll and Market Streets are available. Vendors are still being accepted for the full season, half-season and one-time rates.

5-Day Weather Summary

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly Sunny	Scattered T-storms	Scattered T-storms	Chance T-storms	Partly Cloudy
89 / 71	87 / 67	82 / 69	85 / 68	82 / 66

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 9:14 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:17 a.m.

 Full 6/5	 Last 6/13	 New 6/21	 First 6/28
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly sunny skies, high of 89°, humidity of 46%. Southwest wind 11 to 15 mph. Expect mostly clear skies tonight, overnight low of 71°. Southwest wind 9 to 14 mph. Wednesday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 60% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high of 87°, humidity of 54%.

New COVID-19 symptoms discovered as pandemic continues

DEAR DOCTOR: Every time I turn on the news and hear about the coronavirus, the symptoms keep changing. Why is that? How do we even know when we should go see a doctor?

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors



READER: It feels like it’s been forever, but news of the virus that causes the disease we now know as COVID-19 first emerged in the U.S. at the start of 2020. (The name is shorthand for “coronavirus disease 2019.”) It’s caused by a novel – never seen before – coronavirus, which is the same type of virus that causes upper respiratory infections, including the common cold. This particular virus is brand-new to humans, which means that not only do we lack immunity, but also that we’re learning about its symptoms and effects in real time.

Our first glimmers of understanding came from patients infected in the initial outbreaks. At that time – and it still is true today – common symptoms included a new cough, fever and shortness of breath. The severity of the resulting illness ranges from something akin to a mild cold to the devastating pneumonia that has taken so many lives throughout the world. As the number of infections continues to grow, so does the data set used by the medical and scientific communities to understand the virus’s effects and behavior. We learned that older adults and those with underlying health conditions are at greatest risk of becoming gravely ill. Children appear to be somewhat safe from the virus. And as screening got underway, it has emerged that some people who never exhibited any symptoms at all have tested positive.

Now, close to five months into what has become a global pandemic, additional symptoms and effects of COVID-19 continue to emerge. One, noted anecdotally by people who shared their stories after becoming ill, is a sudden loss of the sense of smell. Known as anosmia, it’s believed to occur in anywhere from one-fifth to one-half of all cases. A study in Europe pegged the prevalence of anosmia in COVID-19 patients at more than 85 percent.

READERS' CHOICE REPORTS

SUNDAY'S LOTTERIES

Cash 5
06-21-27-37-43
Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Cash4Life
02-13-29-40-44, Cash Ball: 2
Daily Three-Midday
6-2-0, SB: 7
Daily Three-Evening
9-6-1, SB: 8
Daily Four-Midday
4-7-0-5, SB: 7
Daily Four-Evening
1-1-3-5, SB: 8
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$356 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$135 million

MONDAY'S METALS

Aluminum.....	0.69
Copper.....	2.42
Lead.....	0.73
Zinc.....	0.89
Gold.....	1,736.31
Silver.....	18.22
Platinum.....	851.35


AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices Monday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: \$3.28. Soybeans: \$8.32.

Additional reported symptoms include chills, muscle pain, aching joints, sore throat and persistent headache. The disease is known to cause gastrointestinal symptoms that include nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. In addition to anosmia, neurological symptoms can include tingling or numbness in the extremities, muscle weakness, dizziness, confusion and delirium. Although seizures, stroke and abnormalities in blood clotting have been reported, these symptoms appear to be rare. An effect of the virus, which is widely reported but is not yet part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s list of symptoms, is extreme fatigue. Some children and a few adults have experienced something dubbed “COVID toes,” which is a red or purple rash similar to

frostbite or chilblains. All of this has prompted the CDC to continually update information pertaining to COVID-19 on its website. The amended guidelines about when to seek emergency medical care now include trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, bluish lips or around the face and the onset of confusion. For more information, visit the CDC website at cdc.gov. Links to a variety of information are on the front page.

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Shirley J. Shaw

Sept. 28, 1934 – May 29, 2020

Shirley J. Shaw, 85, of McCordsville passed away Friday, May 29, 2020 in Fishers, IN. She was born September 28, 1934 to the late Emil and Vera (Griggs) Moss. She had been a member of the Fortville Christian Church and was a secretary at the former Brookside Corporation in McCordsville.

Shirley is survived by daughter: Karen (Denzil) Tuttle of McCordsville; grandchildren: Jeremiah Tuttle, Katrina Tuttle and Joshua Tuttle; great-grandchildren: Levi, Liam, Kynslie and Kaylyn Tuttle,



Caleb Abner. She was preceded in death by her husband Dwight Shaw, son Michael Shaw, daughter Vickie Shaw and sister Peggy.

According to her wishes, a caring cremation will take place.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fortville Christian Church 9450 North 200 West Fortville, IN 46040 or the Alzheimer's Association 50 E 91st St #100, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Online condolences may be shared at www.sealsfuneralhome.com.

Aaron Donald Mabery

Feb. 9, 1975 – May 31, 2020

Aaron Donald Mabery, 45, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 2:15 p.m. Sunday, May 31, 2020 at his home. He was born February 9, 1975 in Wabash, to Charles Donald Mabery and Sherry (Wensley) Smith.

Aaron was a 1995 graduate of Wabash High School. He served in the US Marine Corps from 1996 – 2000 attaining the rank of Corporal. On July 21, 2007 he married Erica Hegel at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, in Wabash.

He worked as a receiving clerk at Real Alloy in Wabash the past 4 years and also worked at Rent-A-Center in Wabash. He was a member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ. Aaron enjoyed hunting and fishing, but mostly just spending time with his boys.

He is survived by his wife, Erica Mabery, two sons



Kalib Mabery and Hunter Mabery, and his Mother Sherry Smith, all of Wabash, and his siblings, Travis (Mariah) Smith and Sherry Lynn Morgan. He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, June 5, 2020 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 N. State Road 15, Wabash, with Solomon David and Michael Eaton officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 3 p.m. – 8 p.m. Thursday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, and one hour prior to the service, Friday, at the church.

Preferred memorial is Bachelor Creek Church of Christ.

The memorial guest book for Aaron may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Joyce R. Hall

Graveside services for Joyce R. Hall, 79, of Urbana, Indiana, were 11 a.m. Saturday, May 30, 2020, at Hopewell Cemetery in

Lagro. Pastor Nathan Whybrew officiated. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

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their voter registration status, find their polling location or report any complaints regarding the voting process.

Voters may also visit www.in.gov/sos for additional information, including information regarding Indiana's photo ID law. Indiana's

photo ID law requires every voter to present a government-issued ID before casting their vote at the polls. For more information on Photo ID go to <http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/2401.htm>.

For more information, visit www.IndianaVoters.com.

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guidelines have been implemented for all BMV related business:

- All customers and employees should leave 6 feet of space between themselves and others
- Hands should be washed and sanitized frequently
- Masks are required for customer-facing employees and are strongly recommended for customers

- Lobby chairs will be positioned at least 6 feet apart
- The number of customers permitted in the branch at one time will vary by location. Once the permitted number is reached, the next customer will be asked to wait outside. Sidewalks will be marked as necessary with

appropriate spacing.

- Frequently touched items will be cleaned with disinfectant wipes between each customer
- Plexiglas barriers will be cleaned a minimum of twice a day
- All branches will be cleaned on the evening of Tuesday, June 2.

Individuals who hold a driver's license or ID card that has expired after the last General Election (Nov. 6, 2018) may use the expired card as proof of identification for voting purposes.

Visit IN.gov/BMV for more information on election hours and a complete list of branches. Information on how to complete an online transaction and locations for 24-hour BMV Connect kiosk near you is also available on the website.

Indianapolis ‘relatively quiet’ during curfew after violence motivated by Floyd’s death

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — An overnight curfew imposed by Indianapolis' mayor after two nights of violent protest over the death of George Floyd and police treatment of African Americans was followed by a night of relative calm after a weekend that left the city with widespread damage downtown, a police spokesman said Monday.

A tally of arrests during the curfew that ran from 8 p.m. Sunday until 6 a.m. Monday was not immediately available. Police planned to release that information later Monday, said Officer William Young of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

He said the city "was relatively quiet" during the overnight curfew, in comparison to violent weekend

protests during which demonstrators broke dozens of windows on downtown businesses and set fires.

Several hundred people took part in a peaceful protest Sunday afternoon that started at the Indiana Statehouse. The group marched several blocks to outside the City-County Building, where those taking part laid on the ground while the names were read off of African Americans who have died in confrontations with police.

The overnight curfew imposed by Mayor Joe Hogsett came after peaceful protests gave way later to unrest and destruction. The death of Floyd, a handcuffed black man who died in Minneapolis after a white officer used his knee to pin Floyd's neck down for several min-

utes as Floyd pleaded for air and eventually stopped moving, has sparked protests nationwide.

Hogsett announced Monday that he was extending the city's curfew order for an additional night. His new order will begin at 8 p.m. Monday and will end at 4 a.m. Tuesday – two hours earlier than the mayor's first order – because Tuesday is Indiana's primary election, with voting starting at 6 a.m. Hogsett's order also includes an exception allowing people to travel during the curfew period for "election-related activities."

The mayor said in a statement that he was "proud of our residents, the vast majority of whom abided by Sunday night's curfew order."

"My thanks go out to

the men and women who helped keep Indianapolis peaceful overnight," Hogsett said.

Two people died amid several shootings late Saturday and early Sunday, though it wasn't clear their deaths were related to the protests. Police said no officers had fired their guns.

One of those fatally shot was Chris Beaty, who was a defensive lineman on Indiana University's football team from 2000 to 2004 and has recently managed Indianapolis nightclubs, The Indianapolis Star reported.

Beaty, 38, suffered multiple gunshot wounds in a shooting Saturday night a few blocks from downtown Indianapolis' Monument Circle. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

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confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of nine over the previous day. This includes one previously probable case that was later lab-confirmed. Another 166 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in

patients for whom no positive test is on record, following a correction to the previous day's total. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 265,896 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 261,546 on Sunday.

Hoosiers who have symp-

toms of COVID-19 and those who have been exposed and need a test to return to work are encouraged to visit a state-sponsored testing site for free testing. Individuals without symptoms who are at high risk because they are over age 65, have diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure or another underlying condition, as well as those

who are pregnant, live with a high-risk individual or are a member of a minority population that is at greater risk for severe illness, also are encouraged to get tested.

To find testing locations, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link. More than 200 locations are available around the state.

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Ferry said this framing of the event was important to overcome any implications.

"Because it's open to everybody, it doesn't feel like charity. That's why we emphasize everyone can come," said Ferry. "We used to say, 'Anybody in need of food,' Well you don't want that stigma, right? Somebody who has enough for themselves is not going to

wait in line three hours."

Other weekly events

Other such are events which are now scheduled weekly include:

- 10 a.m. Tuesdays at Five Points Mall, 1129 N Baldwin Ave., Marion
- 10 a.m. Tuesdays at First Baptist Church, 709 S. Memorial Drive, New Castle
- 10 a.m. Wednesdays at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 E. Votaw St., Portland
- 10 a.m. Thursdays at

the Blackford County Fairgrounds, 409 E. Park Ave., Hartford City

- 10 a.m. Thursdays at the Muncie Mall, 3401 N. Granville Ave., Muncie
- 10 a.m. Fridays at the Old Kmart Parking Lot, 2811 E. Nichol Ave., Anderson
- 10 a.m. Fridays at Goddich Park, 701 N. Union St., Winchester

"Distribution is while supplies last. No IDs, proof of address or need are required. All are welcome, regardless

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qualified expenses, such as rent or mortgage payments, utilities, lease payments for real or personal property, and safety investments, such as personal protective equipment (PPE) and infrastructure improvements.

Eligible small businesses that demonstrate a revenue loss of at least 40 percent will be awarded up to \$2,500 for each month while small businesses that demonstrate a revenue loss of at least 80 percent will be awarded up to \$5,000 for each month, with grants issued up to \$10,000 per company. Of the \$30 million allocated to the fund, at least \$5 million will be reserved for certified minority- and women-owned businesses.

Small business relief and planning resources

The Indiana Small Business Development Center (Indiana SBDC) received nearly \$3.7 million from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) through the CARES Act to support increased resources for Hoosier entrepreneurs and small businesses over the next 18 months. The funding, which will nearly double the organization's annual federal appropriations, will enable Indiana SBDC to increase no-cost services, such as counseling and

training, for businesses that were in operation before and that have been impacted by COVID-19. Services will be available through the Indiana SBDC's 10 regional offices across the state and are expected to focus on financial assistance, e-commerce, business adaptation and innovation, disaster resiliency and planning, and reopening plans.

Manufacturing support and long-term growth

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) board of directors approved \$10 million to launch the Economic Activity Stabilization and Enhancement (EASE) program aimed at supporting technology and operational advancements in the manufacturing industry, which has long been a key driver of the state's economy. EASE, which encompasses three complementary initiatives, is designed to stimulate manufacturing investments that will position Hoosier operations, and the sector overall, for future growth and prosperity by prioritizing startup investment and resources, technology modernization and development, and training assistance.

The three EASE initiatives include:

- The new Smart & Advanced Manufacturing (SAM) Focus Fund, which will make seed and early-stage investments and

provide entrepreneurship resources to Indiana manufacturing-focused startups through Elevate Ventures, the state's venture development partner;

- Manufacturing Readiness Grants, administered in partnership with Conexus Indiana, will provide matching grants of up to \$200,000 to companies committing to modernizing their operations or integrating smart technologies and processes to improve capacity, or to companies investing in health care manufacturing technology, providing financial assistance to manufacturers supporting critical COVID-19 response efforts; and
- A planned Smart Manufacturing Studio Lab, which will provide lab space and access to state-of-the-art smart manufacturing equipment, enabling businesses to train employees, validate technologies for their business models, and conduct third-party pilot manufacturing.

Of these programs, the SAM Focus Fund will launch immediately while the Manufacturing Readiness Grant applications are expected to be available in July with initial grant recommendations beginning in August. The IEDC will partner with industry stakeholders to develop project scope for the Smart Manufacturing Studio Lab, mapping out the next steps and a plan to source and supply

the equipment, working toward a studio launch in early 2021. EASE is funded through the state's 21st Century Research and Technology Fund.

"Indiana's manufacturing and small business sectors play critical roles in supporting the state's economy. With more than 8,500 manufacturing facilities and the highest concentration of manufacturing jobs in the U.S., manufacturing accounts for 27.8 percent of Indiana's total economic output. Additionally, according to the SBA, Indiana is home to approximately 104,335 small businesses that employ fewer than 150 associates, supporting 941,578 Hoosiers across the state," stated Hoffmeyer. "Today's announcement marks another step forward for the state in providing resources and tools to Hoosier businesses and entrepreneurs impacted by COVID-19. The state recently launched the Indiana Small Business PPE Marketplace, which serves as an online hub for small businesses and nonprofits employing up to 150 associates that need personal protective equipment (PPE). Since its inception, Indiana has received 26,130 orders for PPE and has fulfilled 25,500 orders, shipping bundles of hand sanitizer, face masks and face shields to companies across the state."

For more information, visit iedc.in.gov/response.

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Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

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A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

"The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore."
- Psalm 121:7-8

A week that will live in ignominy

We've just had a week like we may never see again. Lord, may we never see a week like that again.

Readers know the context, but we'll recap it briefly for the historical record: A Minneapolis cop kneels on the neck of a prone, handcuffed suspect who complains that he can't breathe. The suspect dies. The event is captured on video and the city erupts in protest, because this is only the most recent loss of a black citizen's life during an encounter with the law and the police culpability strikes most people as hardly debatable.

But the earnest protests are overwhelmed by rioters who spend the next several days and nights smashing windows, looting stores and torching buildings, including a police precinct. The Twin Cities and Minnesota, heretofore known if not exactly famed, earn notoriety by self-destructing as the world watches.

By the fourth day the officer has been arrested and charged, and by the sixth day authorities backed by the National Guard have tentatively reasserted control. It is both that simple and much more complicated, of course. Here are some further questions and observations.

The images of National Guard vehicles streaming into the Twin Cities Saturday were both troubling and reassuring. Gov. Tim Walz said repeatedly during the day that curfews would be enforced and that law enforcement intended to restore control. Minnesotans will long de-

bate whether the full-force response would have been needed if officials had moved more decisively earlier in the week, but the widespread chaos had to be stopped.

After the worst of the rioting Thursday night and early Friday, Walz called the city's response an "abject failure" during a news conference in which he appeared without Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey or St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter. Walz failed to note that Frey called for the Guard as early as Wednesday. On Saturday and Sunday, the three leaders addressed the news media together and, more important, appeared to be back on the same page.

Walz and law enforcement officials repeatedly promised that journalists covering the disturbances would be allowed to do their work, but by Sunday a long list of incidents showed that law enforcement had failed that test, either because of confusion, ineptitude or disdain for journalists.

Public officials gave conflicting accounts when asked about the extent to which outsiders were involved in the rioting, but Walz said it was clear there was "an organized attempt to destabilize civil society." White supremacists? Anarchists? Members of the antigovernment "Boogaloo Bois"? Star Tribune reporter Stephen Montemayor explored the issue in a disturbing Sunday story, and social-media channels were filled with posts on cars with out-of-state plates or no plates at all on the

streets of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Was the fast, unusual decision to charge Derek Chauvin with murder rushed?

It's a natural question, given that Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman himself declared that his office has never charged a police officer so quickly before. Most such charging decisions have come only after months of investigation. There is a reason for usually avoiding haste. Assembling the evidence needed to convict an officer takes time because law enforcement personnel are in a different position from ordinary citizens. Officers have authority and duty to arrest lawbreakers, and they are authorized to use reasonable force when necessary.

So to prove an officer has crossed the line into criminality, a prosecutor must be able to prove, beyond reasonable doubt, that the force used was unreasonable in light of all the circumstances of which the officer was aware. And in homicide cases it must also be proven that the officer intended to cause grave injury or showed a depraved indifference to doing so. It is a heavy burden, and no one should suppose the outcome is certain.

We started only with the video of Chauvin kneeling on Floyd's neck. In the days following we saw security footage showing his initial interactions with officers, the transcript of the 911 call that brought them to the scene, and the criminal complaint describing how he came to be on the ground. It becomes

tragically clear in these details that at several steps the outcome might have been averted.

In those we learn – prospectively – that Floyd acted as if under the influence. That he declined an opportunity to make good on the counterfeit money he allegedly passed. That he was nervous and uncooperative about being put in a squad car. That one of Chauvin's colleagues expressed concern that Floyd might be experiencing "excited delirium," a medical condition that can cause agitation, aggression, acute distress and sudden death.

All this is going to weighed at trial against the nearly nine minutes Chauvin kept Floyd pinned to the ground.

Janeé Harteau, the former Minneapolis police chief who left her job under pressure in 2017 after the police shooting of Justine Ruszczyk Damond, has said that the police union fought her reform efforts at every turn. Marilyn Mosby, the Baltimore prosecutor who unsuccessfully charged officers in the death of Freddie Gray, described in a recent Washington Post commentary the intimidation she received from both inside and outside the system.

Fortunately, there appears to be a shift in "blue wall" sentiments in response to Floyd's death. A telling comment came from David Roddy, the police chief in Chattanooga, Tenn.: "If you wear a badge and you don't have an issue with this ... turn it in."

A version of this editorial was first published in the Star Tribune.

LETTER

Communist China owes pandemic reparations

Communist China has a history of experimenting with contagious viruses. In 2013, scientists at the Harbin China Veterinary Research Institute produced a new virus by combining the H5N1 bird-flu with a 2009 H1N1 flu virus, and the resultant virus was highly contagious among humans. In 2019, the COVID-19 virus most likely came from the Chinese Virology Laboratory in Wuhan China which was experimenting with COVID-19 bats. U.S. scientists and intelligence officials said COVID-19 was not man-made or engineered in a laboratory, but they are investigating the COVID-19 source to be bats infecting workers at the Wuhan laboratory who then transmitted the virus to the public.

The COVID-19 pandemic throughout the world has caused over 350,000 deaths with an adverse economic impact of \$3 trillion to \$5 trillion. Communist China should pay reparations to the world for the economic damage it has caused. The value of human life is difficult to quantify, but Communist China should have to compensate relatives of deceased people.

We must punish Communist China to ensure countries with research laboratories have strong safety and security procedures to prevent viral infestations.

Also, China covered up the outbreak and hoarded PPE. We must bring back manufacturing to the United States.

**Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry, New Hampshire**

HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, June 2, the 154th day of 2020. There are 212 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On June 2, 1941, baseball's "Iron Horse," Lou Gehrig, died in New York of a degenerative disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; he was 37.

On this date:
In 1886, President Grover Cleveland, 49, married Frances Folsom, 21, in the Blue Room of the White House. (To date, Cleveland is the only president to marry in the executive mansion.)

In 1897, Mark Twain was quoted by the New York Journal as saying from London that "the report of my death was an exaggeration." (Twain was responding to a report in the New York Herald that he was "grievously ill" and "possibly dying.")

In 1924, Congress passed, and President Calvin Coolidge signed, a measure guaranteeing full American citizenship for all Native Americans born within U.S. territorial limits.

In 1953, the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place in London's Westminster Abbey, 16 months after the death of her father, King George VI.

In 1979, Pope John Paul II arrived in his native Poland on the first visit by a pope to a Communist country.

In 1981, the Japanese video game "Donkey Kong" was released by Nintendo.
In 1997, Timothy McVeigh was convicted of murder and conspiracy in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City that killed 168 people. (McVeigh was executed in 2001.)



The grand old paranoia party

Senate Republicans have made their choice: They're putting on their tinfoil hats and staking their political future on transparent lies and wild conspiracy theories. The onetime

Eugene Robinson



"Party of Lincoln" threatens to become the "Party of Q." Every incumbent GOP senator ought to be asked if he or she supports the party's Senate nominee in Oregon, Joe Raef Perkins, who avidly promotes the absurd and wholly fictitious QAnon story line. Adherents see Trump as a heroic warrior fighting to save America and the world from an evil cabal of "globalist," sex-trafficking "elites" who include moles within the government known as the "deep state." The supposed proof? Enigmatic posts on anonymous message boards from a so-called "Q Clearance Patriot" who claims to have the inside dope on a coming "Storm" that will wash away this faction and purify the country.

"As people put together more and more pieces of the puzzle," Perkins told The New York Times, "They can see, yeah, this is real!"

Reality check: No, it's not. It's crazy talk, on the level of the paranoid speculation in Stanley Kubrick's "Dr. Strangelove" that Russians were using fluoride to taint Americans' "precious bodily fluids."

I'm not sure I could find a sitting GOP senator who, if given truth serum, would admit to actually believing such paranoid nonsense. But plenty are willing to play footsie with QAnon

followers by speaking of the imaginary "deep state" as if it were real.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., for example, complained last year that there are "Republican senators up here whose allegiance is more to the deep state than it is to the president." At the time, Paul was arguing that the Senate should be holding hearings about Trump's claim that the whole investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election was nothing but a conspiracy to destroy Trump's presidency.

If paranoid rants like this were just electoral performance art, that would be deplorable enough. But Republicans are using the power of their office to grant wishes to fantasists like Paul, and to bolster conspiracy-minded voters who crave the feeling that they're always on the brink of a major revelation.

Senate committee chairmen are reportedly preparing subpoenas for documents and testimony to investigate how Trump's campaign was treated like a hostile foreign power by our own law enforcement.

Those of us grounded in reality know Russia interfered with the 2016 election in an effort to boost Trump's chances of winning. The Trump campaign at least welcomed this interference, and there was evidence of possible collusion – more than enough for Trump's own Justice Department to launch the investigation by former special counsel Robert Mueller III. But for non believers, that's just what the deep state and the puppet-masters want you to believe happened.

It's not only voters who engage in this kind of contortion. This week, Senate Republicans

presented, with fanfare, an email that Obama's national security adviser, Susan Rice, wrote to herself on Inauguration Day 2017 describing a White House meeting two weeks earlier about the Russia investigation. Shockingly, she wrote that Obama insisted the probe be conducted "by the book."

Wrote Sen. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., on Twitter: "Susan Rice knew exactly what she was doing. That's why she wrote herself emails in a desperate attempt to cover her tracks."

Polls show Trump trailing badly against presumptive Democratic nominee Joe Biden. Trump, who fancies himself a marketing genius, has so damaged the Republican brand that the party is in danger of losing Senate seats in Montana, Colorado, Arizona, North Carolina and Maine – for starters. Even in South Carolina, Sen. Lindsey Graham is having to look over his shoulder at Democratic challenger Jaime Harrison, who outraised him last quarter. The GOP's 53-47 majority is in real peril of being erased.

Republicans could have decided to cut Trump loose and try to save themselves – and, in the end, perhaps some will take that route. But Trump has so remade the Republican base in his own image, including by providing encouragement to a near-cult, that, as party whip Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., the party whip, told Politico: "I just think that everybody realizes that our fortunes sort of rise or fall together."

An actor killed President Lincoln. A different kind of fiction may kill his party.

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Pregnant bride-to-be faces choice between two brothers

DEAR ABBY: When I was younger, I was engaged to a man I'll call "Jake." I was deeply in love with him, only to have my heart broken when he cheated on me, so I broke it off. A short time later, I developed feelings for his brother, "Jed." One thing led to another, and Jed and I are engaged to be married in two months.

When Jake found out I was dating Jed, he grew distant. I figured it was because he was in shock. Recently, he contacted me and invited me to dinner. Thinking it had to do with the wedding plans, I accepted. When we were getting ready to leave, Jake told me he still loved me and had made a terrible mistake. I had had a few drinks, and we ended up having a one-night stand.

Dear Abby



I just found out I am pregnant, and I'm not sure if Jake is the father or Jed is. Honestly, I still love Jake, but he can't keep a job, and I don't think he could support me and a baby. What should I do? Should I keep my mouth shut and marry Jed, who has a good job and is faithful? – Big Mess In The South

DEAR BIG MESS: You would be doing a terrible disservice to Jed if you marry him while you "honestly" still love his brother. If you do, you will be in for a lifetime of guilt and frustration, and the chances are great that you and Jake won't be able to stay away from each other. While marriage under these circumstances may seem like an attractive solution for you economically, it doesn't take a crystal ball to predict it will be another disaster.

Instead of trying to take the easy way out, straighten your spine, fess up and do the right thing. A paternity test will determine which brother is the father of your child and the one who should support it.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 16-year-old girl and 6 feet tall. I have already been through the worst of my insecurities, and even though I now have some confidence, my height still bothers me. I've always been taller than my peers and blamed my social problems on my height. Someone mentions it every day, and where I work, every other customer comments on it, too.

I try not to be upset over something I can't change. I know people don't mean to be hurtful, but it makes me feel like I stand out too much. I also feel like I'm too big and too awkward for normal activities. My pants are never long enough, and my skirts are always too short. I have to adjust car seats and gym equipment to fit.

Worst of all, it's off-putting to boys. Most of them are shorter and cite it as the reason they aren't interested in me romantically. I know this might seem trivial, but it's my biggest insecurity and hard to overcome. Please help. – Tall Problem In New Mexico

DEAR PROBLEM: Many people consider height to be an advantage. You might, too, once you decide to own and take pride in it.

Regarding your difficulty in finding clothes that fit, do some research online and you will discover stores that cater to tall women and men.

I can't wave a magic wand and fix the insecurities of the young men in your community and neither can you. This is why I'm advising you to broaden your horizons and look further for romance because it isn't beyond your reach. A way to do that might be to develop an interest in basketball, a sport that attracts tall people.

When you're older, check into a group called Tall Clubs International. If you are 21 and over 5 feet, 10 inches, you qualify to join and meet other people who won't be put off at all by your height. You will find them by going to tall.org.

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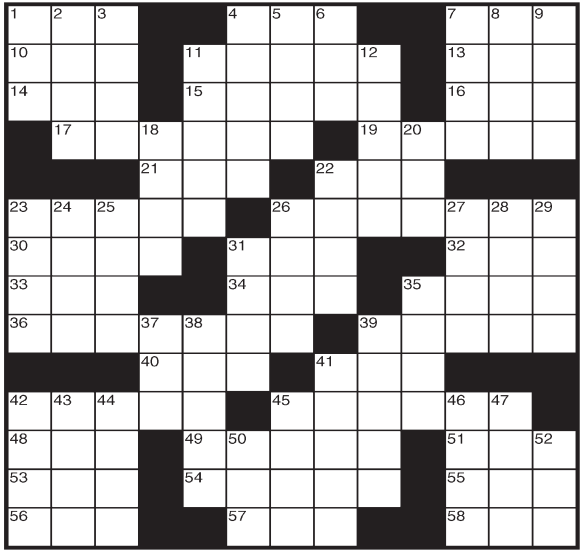
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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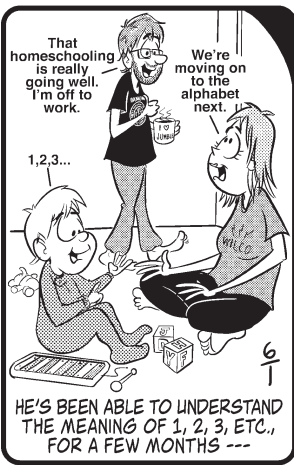
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Answers tomorrow

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Saturday's Jumbles: SKULL AWAKE FILLET CURFEW
Answer: The dog was having a problem with small insects and wished he could — FLEE THE FLEAS

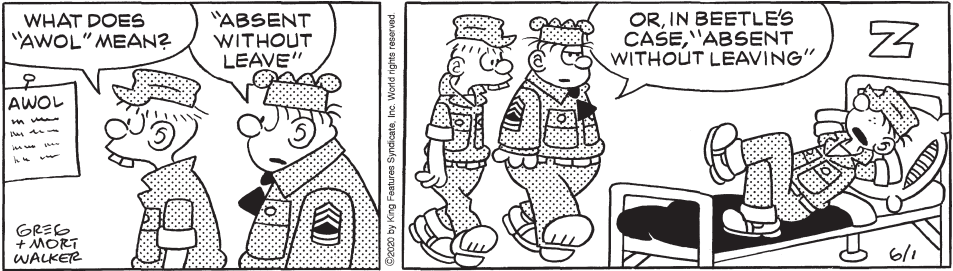
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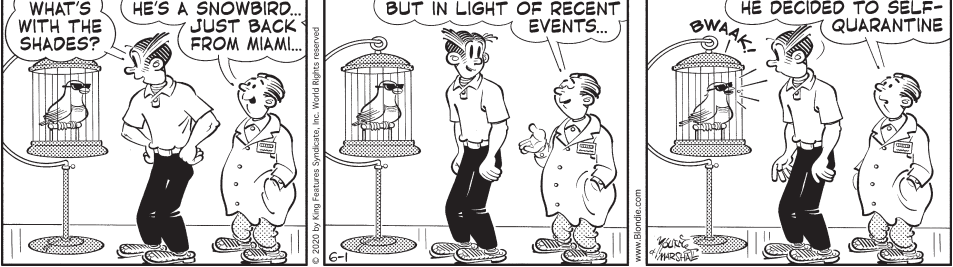


"Do you need me to help you with your homework?"

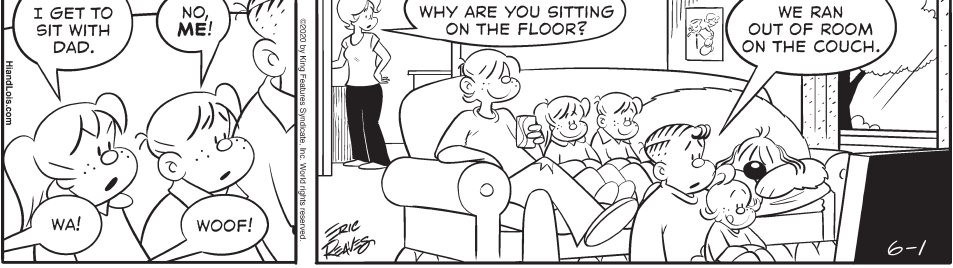
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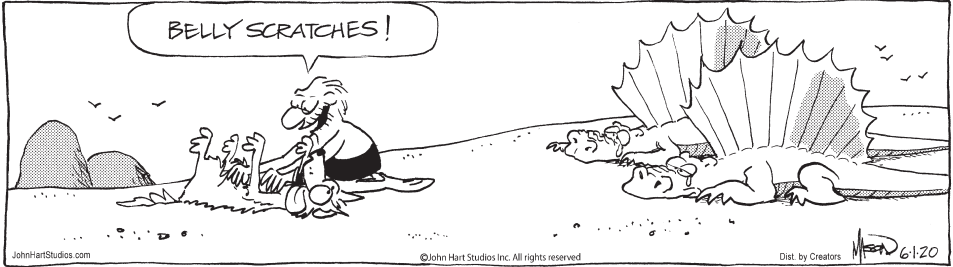
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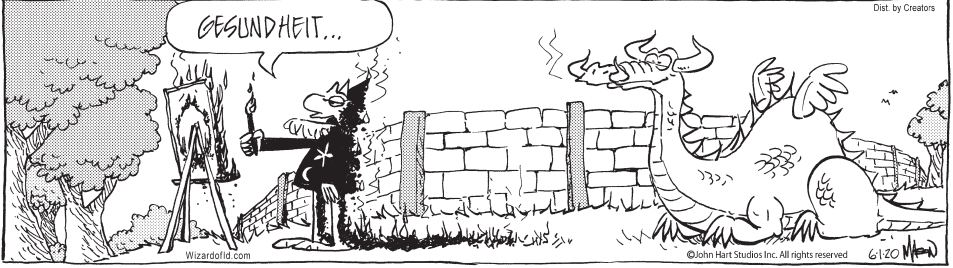
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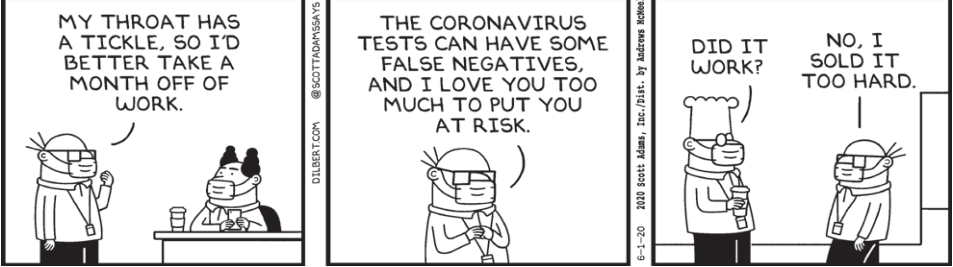
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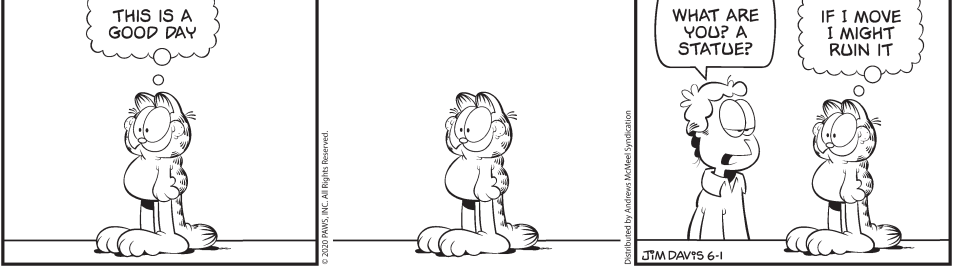
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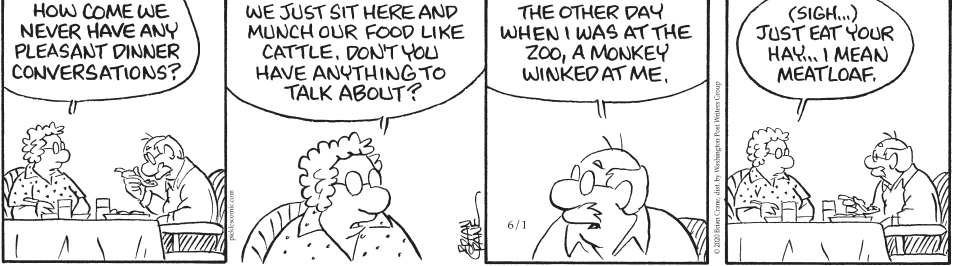
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PICKLES



God is the ruler of the universe – and all of creation

Q: Who's in charge of a world that suffers, and what can be said to its citizens that have lost so much hope? – W.P.

A: The world seems to be careening toward destruction. We see the innocent suffer and countless people experiencing pain and anguish. Voices of doubters and skeptics cry out: "What kind of a God allows terrible things like treacherous weather, disease, and even pandemics to ravage?"

Millions of people throughout the world are suffering from injustice, political oppression, persecution, and innocent babies are aborted by the millions. The entire world seems to be a hospital, a mortuary, or a graveyard, with people asking the same question: "Who is in control?"

The Bible tells us that God is the ruler of the universe – and all of creation. "Both riches and honor come from You, and You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might" (1 Chronicles 29:12).

This same mighty God is also a loving God who brings good out of bad, light out of darkness, and joy out of despair.

"God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases" (Psalm 115:3) and the Bible is clear that God wants all people to come to a saving knowledge of His Son Jesus Christ as our

loving Savior and He wants to reign in us to guide, direct, and care for us.

Behind the love of God lies His omniscience – His ability to know and understand all. Omniscience is that quality of God which is His alone. He possesses infinite knowledge and an awareness uniquely His. At all times, even in the midst of any type of suffering, He knows, loves, watches, understands, and, more than that, He has a purpose. May we pray for His purpose in our lives and receive His amazing grace.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Y N F J T F E J C F G J V F Z P R Z M V T F N X F T
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E W J E D T S W J E S F J V F W F V F P Z V ."
— T E F X D F V J R X J M I W J K

Previous Solution: "You should bring something into the world that wasn't in the world before ... everyone should create." — Ricky Gervais

TODAY'S CLUE: d s e n b e A

Sister fears for young niece being raised in toxic home

DEAR ABBY: After many years, my sister and I finally have a decent relationship. I feel I can tell her about almost anything.

Dear Abby



My brother-in-law, “Aaron,” is an alcoholic, and my sister enables him. When he drinks, his already quick temper becomes worse and he “knows everything.” To make things worse, they have a 3-year-old child I’ll call “Casey.” It infuriates me when I see Aaron’s crude, foul-mouthed, “omnipotent” behavior in front of Casey.

There have been times he has used my presence (because I babysit Casey) to drink to the point of impairment. When Casey has a tantrum or is overtired and acts her age, Aaron loses patience with her. He yells at her, slams things down in front of her and storms out of the room.

I’m well aware that children watch and learn behavior from their parents. Daughters will seek out boys, then men who behave like their father, thinking it is normal behavior. How do I approach my sister, who buys Aaron whiskey when he’s feeling down, that there’s a serious problem here?

My husband and I have a stable home and successfully raised five children. We would be willing to take in Casey until Aaron is truly well. My comments to my sister will be met with fury or maybe hatred, but I will do whatever is best for Casey. I love that little girl too much to see her raised in such a toxic environment. — Between A Drunk And A Hard Place

DEAR BETWEEN: You say your sister slips her husband alcohol when he’s down. To me that says he may be using it to self-medicate depression.

You DO need to talk with your sister. When you do, explain you are concerned about Aaron’s change of behavior when he drinks and the effect it has — and will continue to have — on little Casey. Aaron does need help, but so does your sister. Enabling someone, as well-intentioned as it may be, is not helping the person.

Aaron needs to talk to a doctor about his episodes of depression, and your sister could gain a great deal of insight by attending some Al-Anon meetings. You can find one nearby by visiting al-anon.org. Offer to go with her if she’s reluctant.

DEAR ABBY: I am in an interracial relationship (I’m black, and she’s white/Hispanic). We have been together for a year.

She has met just about all my family and all of my friends, but I have only met four people in her life. She has a lot of friends on social media, but no one knows about me. She never posts pictures of us or even hints anything about me. She is friends with her ex-boyfriend, and she knows about his girlfriend, but he has no clue about me. No one does. I feel like I’m her invisible man.

She comes from a “country” background, and I’m afraid she is embarrassed or ashamed of me. Am I reading too much into this, or should I be concerned that she may not be into me as much as I am into her? We were talking about getting married. — Invisible Man In Texas

DEAR INVISIBLE MAN: Something isn’t right here. You say you “were” talking about getting married. Are you still talking about it? I find it peculiar that after being together for a year, you haven’t met her family, you have met so few of her friends and she has posted nothing about you on social media. The time has come to ask her the reason and whether your romance may have run its course.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

CROSSWORD

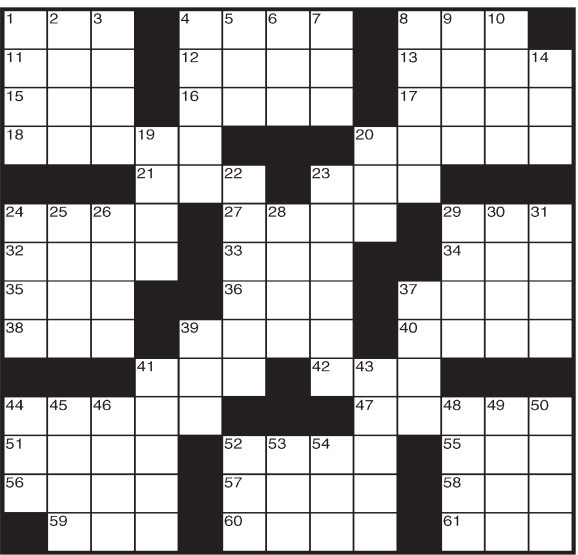
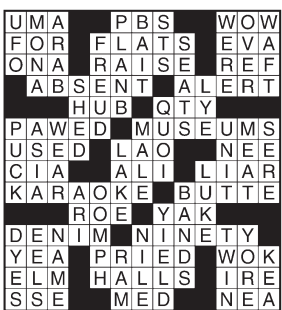
ACROSS

- 1 Again and again
- 4 Calibrates
- 8 Shipboard direction
- 11 Mr. Tolstoy
- 12 Zeus’ wife
- 13 Speak highly of
- 15 Wheel nut
- 16 Make muddy
- 17 Vanish — thin air
- 18 Platitude
- 20 Air rifle (2 wds.)
- 21 Hula accompaniment
- 23 Colorful carp
- 24 Blushing
- 27 Water, in Baja
- 29 Cutting tool (Var.)
- 32 Summits
- 33 Hurried
- 34 Limb
- 35 Pharmacist — Lilly
- 36 Egggy drink
- 37 Vocal music
- 38 Tax form ID

DOWN

- 1 Earthen pot
- 2 Quarrel
- 3 Forum garb
- 4 “Beauty and the Beast” remake
- 5 Fair-hiring letters
- 6 Numerical prefix
- 7 Bando or Mineo
- 8 Cover story
- 9 Long tooth
- 10 Ballet garb
- 14 Comedian — Knotts
- 19 People, informally
- 20 Jungle crusher
- 22 Held down a job
- 23 Bruce Lee’s art (2 wds.)
- 24 Road map nos.
- 25 Greases
- 26 Make a cocoon
- 28 Brit’s poky
- 29 Lotion ingredient
- 30 Warrior princess
- 31 Batter ingredients
- 37 Pet lovers’ grp.
- 39 Stockholm carrier
- 41 Gawk
- 43 Requests
- 44 Sine — non
- 45 Advise
- 46 Do as —!
- 48 Farewells
- 49 Ireland
- 50 Links’ org.
- 52 Nothing
- 53 Comic strip
- 54 Geog. feature

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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SWNIEU

LONAGO

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Print your answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: PIANO DRAFT OBLONG NUANCE

Answer: He's been able to understand the meaning of 1, 2, 3, etc., for a few months — AND COUNTING

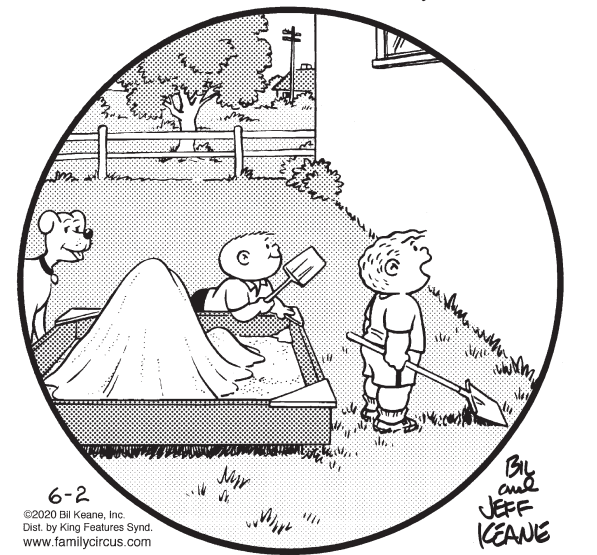
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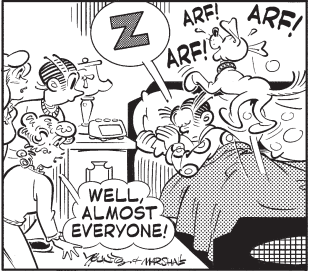
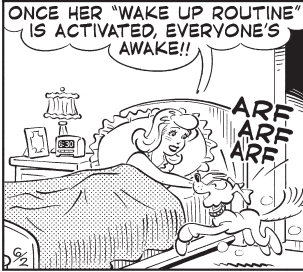
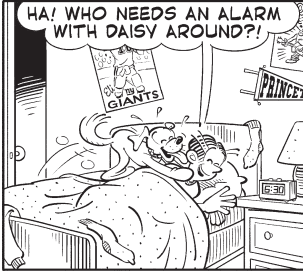
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“Mommy, come see our dune!”

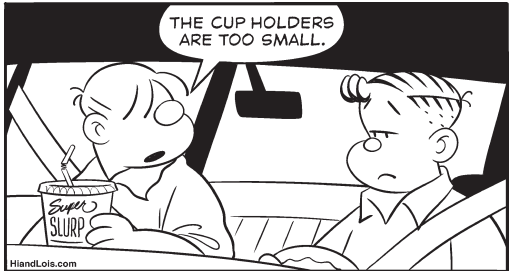
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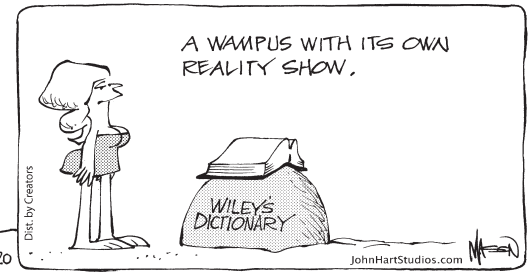
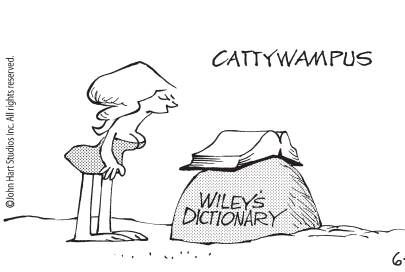
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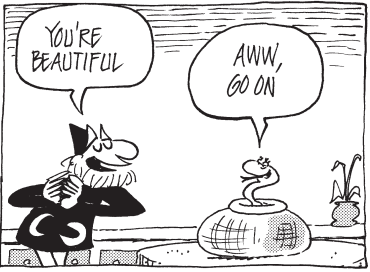
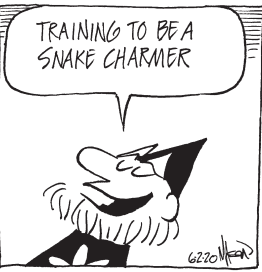
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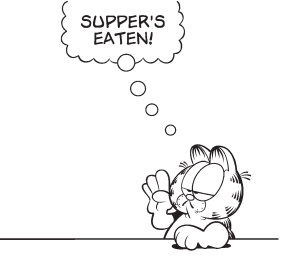
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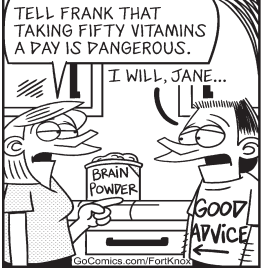
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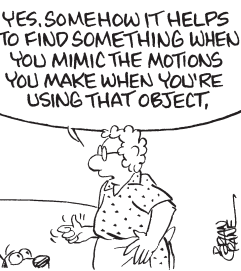
GARFIELD



FORT KNOX



PICKLES



Believers in Christ have the strongest resource for strong marriages

Q: How does a couple build a strong marriage? With an attack on God’s design it almost seems impossible. — S.M.

A: The home is the foundation of any society, but it most certainly has been attacked for a long time. There have never been more books available advising how to solve our family and marital problems than now. Yet somehow more people are miserable, broken and hurt.

We don’t have to search for the answer to why this is. The Word of God has not been taken into account. Couples have not sought the Lord’s help; His counsel and wisdom. Society has disregarded His regulations and it has brought marriages and

homes to disaster. The husband-wife relationship under the guidance of the Holy Spirit is key to family success. God intends that couples are held together through Christ. Marriage was never designed to be short-term; it is a contract for life ordered by God Himself.

Believers in Christ have the strongest resource for strong marriages because God is at the helm. If He is not, it is reason to exam-

ine why. “And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand” (Mark 3:25). If a couple is unequally yoked, or if a husband and wife have never given their lives to Christ, they should submit themselves to Him, repent of sin, and faithfully follow His Word (the Bible). Throughout Scripture God’s call to mankind is to return to His Word and build our homes on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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KTHIMHO.” — XIPZIBCDH ZHKESBD

Previous Solution: “Please take care of yourselves and those that you love; because that is what we are here for.” — Stevie Ray Vaughan

TODAY’S CLUE: F N equals N



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Legals

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COVERED BRIDGE	
Other Services & Charges	\$3,500.00
GENERAL FUND - Purdue Extension	
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Business

COVID-19-related business resources available during this time

STAFF REPORT

Webb’s Family Pharmacy to provide free masks, hand sanitizer to community

Webb’s Family Pharmacy, 103 N. Heeter St., North Manchester, will provide area residents with their choice of 10 surgical masks and one 5-ounce hand sanitizer, or two KN-95 masks and one 5-ounce hand sanitizer. This will be free – one per household. Pick up at the drive-thru. Free-will donations to help fund additional masks and sanitizers for the community will be accepted.

ISBDC offering virtual business consulting sessions

Grow Wabash County will continue to partner with the Indiana Small Business Development Center (ISBDC) to offer free, virtual confidential business consulting.

Business advisors Wes Shie and Billie Wunderlich, are here to be that resource for Wabash County businesses. Appointments with Shie and/or Wunderlich may be scheduled through their emails. Shie may be reached at wshie@isbdc.org and Wunderlich may be reached at wunderlich@isbdc.org. You may also make arrangements by calling 260-481-0500. After the quarantine has lifted in Indiana, Shie and Wunderlich will host in-person appointments every third Thursday of the month at the Grow Wabash County office, 214 S. Wabash St. Learn more about these free business consultations and other entrepreneurship supports offered through Grow Wabash County at growwabashcounty.com/entrepreneurship. For more information, visit https://isbdc.org/services/.

T-shirts to benefit small businesses, individuals

Individuals will have the

opportunity to purchase an exclusive T-shirt online and 100 percent of the proceeds will be used to help struggling small businesses and individuals in Wabash County.

Visit Wabash County has partnered with a local company, Spirit Wear, to offer a unisex T-shirt in sizes Small to 4XL to promote the slogan “Better Together.” Four colors will be offered: vintage black, rust, deep teal and fuchsia. The tees are just \$20 each, including tax and shipping. To purchase a “Better Together” Wabash County T-shirt, please visit www.visitwabashcounty.com or visit the Visit Wabash County Facebook page. The T-shirts will be shipped directly to the provided address.

Hotline open for businesses, industries with COVID-19 questions

The Critical Industries Hotline will be reachable by

calling 877-820-0890 or by emailing covidresponse@iedc.in.gov.

Grow Wabash County launches COVID-19 business impact survey

Grow Wabash County created a survey in partnership with several local organizations to collect information to gauge the local impact to all of our business community. The survey may be found by visiting https://tinyurl.com/vsvmv4b.

Wabash Marketplace announces Business Interruption Loan

Members of Wabash Marketplace man apply for the Business Interruption Loan. There are no application fees and the loan offers up to \$5,000 for a maximum term of 24 months. Those interested in the loan program are encouraged to review the loan details on the homepage of www.wabashmarket

place.org. The next step is to email info@WabashMarketplace.org or leave a message at 260-563-0975.

SBA offers small businesses financial assistance

Small businesses are eligible for financial assistance under the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan program for small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak in Indiana. To apply for loans, visit SBA.gov/Disaster Contact 800-659-2955 or disaster customerservice@sba.gov with questions. The deadline to apply is Dec. 18.

Grow Wabash County ready to help businesses, nonprofits

Businesses and nonprofits with questions may email info@growwabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258. For more information, visit

www.growwabashcounty.com/contact-us/covid-19-resources/.

Businesses may register for ‘Curb-Side Pick Up’ for free

Businesses may register for “Curb-Side Pick Up” for free. For more information, visit www.wabashmarketplace.org. For more information, email andrea@wabashmarketplace.org or call 260-563-0975.

Wabash Marketplace donations of \$250-plus to be applied to others in need

Any donations of \$250 or more will be applied towards 2020 membership dues for nonprofits and small businesses in need. For more information, visit https://www.wabashmarketplace.org/online-payments.html.

Here’s what you should know about 529 plans and 0 percent interest for student loans

The COVID-19 pandemic has made financial planning for higher education even harder.

Parents and students are trying to figure out college costs for next fall – assuming schools even reopen like normal. There’s the question of what to do with money taken from a tax-advantaged 529 education savings plan. And should you still make payments on a student loan even if you don’t have to?

Michelle Singletary



Here’s what you should know about 529 plans and student loans during the coronavirus crisis.

Q: Should I continue making student loan payments during the forbearance period?

A: The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or Cares Act automatically suspended payments for most people with federal student loans until Sept. 30.

During this payment “pause,” interest on federal loans owned by the government is effectively reset to zero percent.

If you’ve lost your job or been furloughed, you may not have a choice. You have to take the payment break.

But you might want to consider continuing to make payments if you can afford to do so. Keep in mind that every penny of your payment goes straight to reducing your principal, which will save you money

in the end.

However, if you qualify for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program, or you’re close to loan forgiveness for an income-based payment plan, you could use the payment break to cover other expenses or build your savings.

By the way, if you meet all the conditions under the PSLF program, you will receive credit toward loan forgiveness for any payments that are waived due to the Cares Act. It would be as if you made the payments.

Q: What is the possible tax ramification for college refunds of money taken from 529 plans?

A: Colleges that sent students home from campuses have been issuing refunds for tuition, fees and room and board. For some families, it’s a welcome injection of money.

But the refunds have created concern for people who paid college expenses with money withdrawn from a 529 college savings plans, which allows contributions to grow tax-free. If the funds are used for qualified educational expenses, earnings are generally not taxed.

However, if money from a 529 plan is not used for qualified education expenses, referred to as a “non-qualified” distribution, the account holder has to pay income taxes on the earnings and an additional 10 percent penalty.

Typically, if you withdraw money from a 529 plan and need to put it back, you have 60 days from the date the money is refunded to

return the funds without penalty, which only applies to the non-qualified distribution.

But these are not normal times. Because of the pandemic, the IRS has issued guidance that gives 529 plan account holders a wider window to return the refunded money, according to Roger Young, a senior financial planner at T. Rowe Price.

If the 60-day period ended on or after April 1, account holders have until the July 15 tax deadline to replace the money without incurring taxes or the 10 percent penalty.

“For a beneficiary continuing college in the fall, the family probably doesn’t have to worry about re-contributing,” Young said. “The fall qualified expenses will likely be much more than the refund they received.”

If your child is graduating and won’t need the money, another option is to put the funds back and then transfer it to a sibling or another eligible family member, Young said.

“The ability to contribute refunded qualified higher education expenses back into a 529 plan speaks to the flexibility of 529 plans and their usefulness as savings tools for parents and students managing through the challenges and uncertainties of these times,” said Vivian Tsai, senior director with TIAA’s Education Savings business. “If a student is graduating this spring and is considering future graduate school, then any refunds may still be redeposited into their 529 plan account to

remain invested in perpetuity until that future scenario plays out.”

With more classes perhaps being taught online, you might use the money to upgrade your child’s computer, which is a qualified expense, Tsai said.

Q: Should I continue contributing to a 529 plan with all the market volatility recently?

A: Even if college campuses don’t reopen for in-person classes, you’ll still need money to pay for tuition and fees.

A 529 plan still remains attractive for the tax benefits, Tsai said. And the majority of 529 plans provide account owners with access to professionally managed investment portfolios and diverse investment choices, including principal-protected or money-market options.

“Generally speaking, the sooner that the money is needed, the more conservatively the funds should be invested,” Tsai said. “It can be risky to have excessive exposure to asset classes with higher expected volatility, like stock.”

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FFW Corporation announces quarterly cash dividend

A dividend of 23 cents per share is payable June 30 to shareholders

STAFF REPORT

FFW Corporation, the parent corporation of Crossroads Bank, has approved a quarterly cash dividend of 23 cents per share of common stock, according to Emily Boardman, treasurer.

The dividend is payable June 30 to shareholders of record on June 16.

The book value of FFW Corporation stock was \$42.21 per share as of April 30. The last reported trade of stock at the close of business on May 21 was \$34.50 per share and the number of outstanding shares was 1,129,394 as of the same date. On April 30, the corporation had assets of \$444.5 million and shareholders’ equity of

\$47.7 million. The Board of FFW Corporation and Crossroads Bank will continue to evaluate the payment of a dividend every quarter.

Crossroads Bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of FFW Corporation providing an extensive array of banking services and a wide range of investments and securities products through its main office in Wabash and five banking centers located in Columbia City, North Manchester, South Whitley, Syracuse and Peru.

The bank provides leasing services at its banking centers and its Fishers leasing and commercial loan office. Insurance products are offered through an affiliated company, Insurance 1 Services, Inc. The corporation’s stock is traded on the OTC Markets under the symbol “FFWC.”

For more information, visit www.crossroadsbank.org.

Do Just One Thing

By DANNY SEO

There are many things you can do to help protect our oceans, but did you know being a responsible pet owner is one of them? For example, National Geographic says you should “never flush cat litter, which can contain

pathogens harmful to marine life.”

Also, they suggest never stocking an aquarium with wild-caught saltwater fish and also never releasing aquarium fish into any body of water, because it could potentially introduce non-native species to an ecosystem.

As casinos start to reopen, COVID-19 warnings

By SUSAN HAIGH

Associated Press

MASHANTUCKET, Conn. — Electronic signs warned travelers to two of the world’s largest casinos about COVID-19 on Monday, the first day they partially reopened to the general public over the governor’s objections.

Four portable signs installed by the state Department of Transportation near Foxwoods Resort Casino and Mohegan Sun flashed “Avoid Large Crowds, Don’t Gamble With COVID” as cars – many with Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York license plates – passed by.

Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont had asked the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, owners of the Foxwoods Resort Casino, and the Mohegan Tribe, owners

of Mohegan Sun, to delay their reopenings, to no avail.

Both casinos, which have been hit hard economically by the pandemic, reopened some areas over the weekend to invited patrons.

“I wasn’t happy about it,” Lamont said Monday morning on WNPR. “I thought we should have waited until late June like our neighbors. I thought that would have been safer for employees, safer for customers and safer for the region.”

Rodney Butler, chairman of the Mashantucket Pequot tribe, conceded the signs were “kind of catchy” and credited Lamont with not taking stronger action. At one point, the governor, who has limited power when it comes to sovereign nations, suggested pulling the casinos’ liquor licenses.

“All in, when you think about everything that we

were talking about, between he and I and the Mohegans, I think he really did a great job in managing the situation, all things considered. There was a lot of pressure for him to do things that were a little bit more aggressive,” said Butler.

He said he believes Lamont “got comfortable” with the safety steps the tribes were taking after having his commissioners walk through the properties and hearing from state legislators, who also received tours.

Butler said the tribes implemented some of the recommendations made by Lamont’s team, including more signs warning people 65 years and older, and patrons with preexisting conditions, of the dangers of the coronavirus. Foxwoods also swapped out two remote indoor smoking areas with an outdoor space.

Over the weekend, about 200 invited players turned out each day at Foxwoods. Butler said a couple players who didn’t want to wear masks were asked to leave the property.

He said over 1,000 visitors had visited Foxwoods by midday on Monday, about what had been anticipated. He said there was a line of cars 50 deep on the state road leading to Foxwoods, early Monday morning.

Chef Bruiser was one of them. He left his home in New Jersey at 7 a.m. to visit both casinos. He was one of the first people to enter Mohegan Sun when the doors opened to the public at 9 a.m. After spending about an hour-and-a-half there, he planned to try his hand at Foxwoods after buying coffee at a local Dunkin’ Donuts. He saw the state’s signs, but wasn’t fazed by the warnings.

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